

Surveyors, in certain cases, to sign official acts and papers; read first and second times, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Fannin, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, December 8, 1857.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had appointed Messrs. Crawford, Hart, and Hicks, a committee of conference on the part of that body, upon the amendment of the Senate to a House bill to provide for the payment of a company of mounted volunteers, called into service by the Governor.

And also, that the House had passed the following bills, originating in that body:

A bill to provide for a special election of a Senator in the twenty-first District, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. E. M. Millican.

A bill for the relief of Zippore Whiteside, and the heirs of Henry Whiteside.

A bill for the relief of Louisa Warren.

A bill to incorporate the town of Weatherford.

A bill to incorporate the Richmond Masonic Hall Association, of Fort Bend county.

A bill to organize the county of Presidio.

A bill to regulate the pay of Grand and Petit juries in the county of Smith.

Mr. Taylor, of Cass, presented the petition of J. S. Nash. Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Potter, Chairman of the Judiciary committee, made the following reports:

The Judiciary committee have considered a bill for quieting the title to real estate in the city of Austin, and a majority of the committee direct me to return the same to the Senate and recommend its passage.

As a member of the committee, I beg leave to say that it is not apparent to me that any beneficial result will be realized

from the passage of the bill ; but I do not see that it can do any harm.

M. M. POTTER.

The Judiciary committee have considered " A bill to amend the 2d section of an act to reorganize the eighth Judicial District, and define the time of holding courts therein, and direct me to return the same to the Senate, and recommend its passage, with the following amendments :

AMENDMENTS—In line 15, strike out " sixth " and insert " fifth."

In line 18, strike out " seventh " and insert " sixth."

In line 20, strike out " eighth " and insert " seventh."

Mr. Taylor, of Houston, chairman of the committee on enrolled bills, reported :

A bill to create the county of Bee, in honor of the late Barnard E. Bee, and attach it to the fourteenth Judicial District, and

A bill to adjust the boundaries of the counties of Goliad, San Patricio and Nueces—correctly enrolled, properly signed, and this day presented to the Governor.

Mr. Russell, Chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported :

A bill to consolidate into one and amend the several acts incorporating the town of Rusk, in Cherokee county.

A bill to incorporate the Texas Life, Fire and Marine Insurance Company, of the city of Galveston.

A bill for the relief of Harvey Trotter; and

A bill to increase the special school fund—correctly engrossed.

Mr. McCulloch, Chairman of the committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to which was referred a bill to provide for the removal and permanent location of county seats, reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended its indefinite postponement.

Mr. McCulloch made the following report :

Your committee of conference, appointed by the two Houses to take into consideration the matter of difference between them in relation to the Senate's amendment to a House bill to provide for the payment of a company of mounted volunteers, called into service by the Governor, for the protection of those engaged in transporting merchandize over the road from San Antonio to the Gulf, have had the same under con-

sideration, and a majority of the committee direct us to report the accompanying substitute for the Senate's amendment, and recommend its adoption.

Signed,

H. E. McCULLOCH,  
Chairman on part of the Senate.

JNO. C. CRAWFORD,  
Chairman on part of the House.

SUBSTITUTE—That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to retain said company, or so many of them as he may deem necessary, in the service of the State, until other means of protection be provided by the State, to preserve good order between the coast and San Antonio, provided in his opinion such service be necessary.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, of Cass, the rule was suspended, the report and bill taken up, and the substitute offered by the committee was adopted.

Mr. Quinan, introduced a bill to dispense with scrolls and seals in certain cases. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill to amend the 2d section of an act concerning passengers coming to Texas, approved February 11, 1850. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the committee on Public Lands on a bill supplemental to an act to perfect land titles in Castro's colony, approved January 22d, 1850, offering a substitute therefor—special order for to-day—was taken up, read and the substitute adopted.

Mr. Guinn moved the indefinite postponement of the bill. Lost.

Mr. McCulloch moved to strike out the 2d section of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Throckmorton the bill was postponed until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, and made the special order for that hour.

Mr. Quinan introduced a bill to amend an act to regulate proceedings in the District Court, passed May 13, 1846, and the act concerning proceedings in the District Courts, passed March 16th, 1848. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill to provide for the incorporation of towns and cities. Read first and second times and referred to the Judiciary committee.

A House bill to amend an act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to cancel patents in certain cases. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A House bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to cancel patent No. 815, volume 8, &c. Read first and second times and referred to the Judiciary committee.

A House bill authorizing the clerk of the county court of Grayson county to transcribe certain records therein named. Read first and second times, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A House bill to change the name of Leander Milton Nealy to Leander Milton Stone. Read first time.

On motion of Mr. Stockdale the rule was suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A House bill for the relief of Jacob Becker, deceased. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A House bill to incorporate the town of Bonham. Read first and second times, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A House bill authorizing the clerk of the county court of Johnson county to transcribe certain records therein named, Read first and second times and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A House bill to authorize Wm. H. Burkhart to practice law in the courts of the State. Read first time.

On motion of Mr. Quinan the rule was suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A House bill to regulate the pay of Grand and Petit juries in the county of Smith, was read first and second times and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A House bill to organize the county of Presidio, read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A House bill to incorporate the Richmond Masonic Hall

Association, in Fort Bend county; read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A House bill to incorporate the town of Weatherford ; read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A House bill for the relief of Louisa Warren ; read first and second times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A House bill for the relief of Wm. Lee ; read first and second times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A House bill to authorize the county courts of the several counties of the State to increase the pay of Grand and Petit jurors ; read first and second times and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A House bill to repeal an act supplemental to an act for the relief of the citizens of Mercer's colony ; read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A House bill to amend an act to incorporate the town of Greenville ; read first and second times and referred to the Judiciary committee.

A House bill making a contingent appropriation for the support of the State Penitentiary ; read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

A House bill to change the name of Taylorsville ; read first and second times and referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

A House bill for the relief of Zippore Whiteside and the heirs of Henry Whiteside ; read first and second times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A House bill to provide for holding a special election in the twenty-first Senatorial District, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. E. M. Millican ; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Guinn the rule was suspended, bill read a second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A House bill authorizing the clerk of the District Court of Fayette county to transcribe certain records therein named ; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Herbert the rule was suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule was further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A House bill authorizing the clerk of the county court of Fayette county to transcribe certain records therein named; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Herbert the rule was suspended, bill read a second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 9th, 1857.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a Senate's bill to provide for a uniform time for terminating the fiscal year of the several offices of the State Government.

Mr. Caldwell presented the petition of the heirs of Reuben Bebee, and of the heirs of Robert McKinn; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Russell, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill to incorporate the city of Indianola correctly engrossed.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill making an appropriation for the per diem pay and mileage of the members, and the per diem pay of the officers of the seventh Legislature, reported the same back to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Mr. Paschal, from the committee on State Affairs, made the following report :

The committee on State Affairs have considered the petition of Juana N. Alsbury, and beg leave to report, that petitioner, at the time of the siege and fall of the Alamo, was the wife of Dr. Alexander Alsbury, and during the absence of her husband, though of Mexican descent, she took sides with the brave defenders of the Alamo. Petitioner, her sister, and Mrs. Dickinson, were the only females in the Alamo during that terrible siege. She was active in rendering assistance to the besieged, and was ever the warm friend of the Texas cause. In the recent war with Mexico, her husband joined the American army and was killed. The petitioner is old and destitute.